

# PSEUDO-RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a method of and apparatus for generating pseudo-random numbers.

### 2. Description of the Prior Art

Pseudo-random numbers are used for a variety of purposes including simulation studies, information processing, communication, and encryption. Pseudo-random number generators create sequences of values that appear to have been generated by random processes even though the sequences are not truly random. The results of a pseudo-random number process should be adequately distributed across the desired range of possible numbers so as to mimic the results that might have come from a truly random process. Pseudo-random results should not exhibit discernable patterns or other observable relationships between the observable output values that would make prediction or other analysis of the observable output sequence possible.

The search for pseudo-random number generators that satisfy the above conditions has yielded a number of interesting and useful processes. The linear feedback shift register (LFSR) process is easy to implement and has been widely used but has an inherent weakness due to the strict linearity of its processes. Another widely used generator is the classical linear congruential generator (LCG), represented as  $x_n = (ax_{n-1} + b) \bmod m$ , where  $x$  is the output series,  $x_0$  is the seed value, and  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$  are constants. For example, the LCG process is the framework used by DeVane in the high-speed pseudo-random number generator of U.S. Patent #5,187,676, by Finkelstein in the encryption protection in a communication system of U.S. Patent #6,014,446, by Tiedemann *et al.* in

1 the system for testing a digital communication channel of U.S. Patent #5,802,105, by  
2 Ridenour in the high precision pseudo-random number generator of U.S. Patent  
3 #5,541,996, and by Shimada in the pseudo-random number generator of U.S. Patent  
4 #6,097,815. LCG-based systems can generate well mixed numbers and will pass certain  
5 statistical tests, although the sequence generated by an LCG typically can be inferred  
6 even if the constant parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $m$  and the seed  $x_0$  are all unknown.

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8 The multiple recursive generator (MRG) is similar to an LCG but extends the range of  
9 the recursion from the immediately preceding output value to more distantly produced  
10 ones. The MRG process can be represented as  $x_n = (a_1 x_{n-1} + \dots + a_k x_{n-k}) \bmod m$ , where  $a_1$   
11  $\dots a_k$  and  $m$  are constants. Lagged Fibonacci generators and some combined generators  
12 are essentially MRGs. The LCG process also has been extended to additional  
13 dimensions to create a matrix method (MM) process represented as  $X_n = (AX_{n-1}) \bmod m$   
14 where  $X$  is a vector of output values and  $A$  is a constant transition matrix. Niederreiter  
15 introduced the multiple-recursive matrix method (MRMM) as a framework for  
16 encompassing essentially all of the linear methods described above as well as several  
17 others such as the Generalized Feedback Shift Register (GFSR) and the “twisted” GFSR.  
18 A good example of the twisted GFSR is the recently developed Mersenne Twister  
19 described by Matsumoto and Nishimura. The general form of the MRMM process is  $X_n$   
20  $= (A_1 X_{n-1} + \dots + A_k X_{n-k}) \bmod m$ , where  $A_1 \dots A_k$  and  $m$  are constants.

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22 In these conventional systems, the modulus operator is typically chosen to be a fixed  
23 number, which may be determined by the hardware constraints of the computer systems  
24 to be used. Often, the word length is a critical factor; for instance,  $2^{32}$  is typically chosen  
25 as the modulus value for 32-bit computer systems. Using a fixed modulus simplifies the  
26 determination of the output range of pseudo-random number generator. A fixed modulus  
27 of  $2^{32}$ , for example, creates a range of actual output values from 0 to  $2^{32} - 1$ . Others, such  
28 as Shimada, have suggested varying the modulus operator by using a set of prime  
29 numbers (see U.S. Patent #6,097,815). Shimada uses a three-part expanded affine  
30 transformation to inflate the intermediate results of the variable modulus operation to the

1 magnitude of the desired range, although only a portion of each resulting value is kept  
2 because the unaltered series is linear and therefore predictable in nature.

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4 Many of the existing pseudo-random number generators are computationally efficient and  
5 generate well-distributed results. However, the recursive nature of the processes create  
6 output results that exhibit strong linear correlation; this structure tends to make those  
7 results exhibit characteristics which can be exploited to create predictions of future output  
8 values. Predictability of the series may not be a problem for some applications, but still  
9 indicates that the series is not as "random" for general applications as might be desired.

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11 The invention described herein presents a general-purpose pseudo-random number  
12 generator that offers output sequences with very long periods and very low predictability.

## 13 14 15 SUMMARY AND OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

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17 A primary object of the present invention is to provide a method and process for  
18 generating pseudo-random numbers with very long period output sequences, well-  
19 distributed actual output values, and very low predictability for general-purpose use.

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21 Another object of the present invention is to introduce variable recursive matrix  
22 operations into the pseudo-random number generator process where the transition  
23 matrices are changed from one iteration of the generator to the next. The variations in the  
24 transition matrices are determined by secondary pseudo-random number generators or  
25 other processes where the secondary pseudo-random number generators or other  
26 processes exhibit long cycles.

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28 Another object of the present invention is to introduce variable recursive matrix  
29 operations into the pseudo-random number generator process where the offset matrices  
30 are changed from one iteration of the generator to the next. The variations in the offset  
31 matrices are determined by secondary pseudo-random number generators or other

1 processes where the secondary pseudo-random number generators or other processes  
2 exhibit long cycles.

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7 the modulus operators are determined by secondary pseudo-random number generators or  
8 other processes where the secondary pseudo-random number generators or other  
9 processes exhibit long cycles.

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11 Another object of the present invention is to introduce a process for the use of multiple  
12 modulus operators where the results are equally distributed across the range of actual  
13 output values associated with the final modulus operator.

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15 Another object of the present invention is to introduce the development of processes such  
16 that the output matrix can be created in such a way as to be non-invertible, that is, having  
17 no calculable inverse. The variable recursive matrix operations can be used to create  
18 output sets that cannot be inverted making it impossible to determine constituent  
19 components of the matrix operations simply from analysis of the observable output  
20 results.

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22 These objects are achieved by introducing a new type of pseudo-random number  
23 generators that significantly extend the current state of the art. The multiple-recursive  
24 matrix method (MRMM) framework that encompassed essentially all prior linear  
25 methods is extended by this invention through the introduction of variable parameters.  
26 The class of pseudo-random generators of the invention can be denoted as multiple  
27 variable recursive matrix (MVRM) generators. As described in the following sections,  
28 the new class of MVRM pseudo-random number generators of this invention is well  
29 suited to general-purpose applications.

1 The need exists for pseudo-random number generators that offer results with more  
2 random-like characteristics. The precise definition of “more random-like” is difficult to  
3 specify, at best. This is especially true for pseudo-random number generators that are  
4 purely deterministic, that is, those which can replicate the same output results exactly  
5 given the same state of characteristics and input values for the generating process.  
6 Essentially all of the widely used linear methods described above are deterministic  
7 processes. The level of predictability is a reasonable indicator of the “randomness” of the  
8 pseudo-random number generator. While the methods and processes of the invention  
9 claimed herein are deterministic, the results are generally less predictable and more  
10 “random” than those of other types of pseudo-random number generators.

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12 Computational efficiency has often been a key determinant in the design of pseudo-  
13 random number generators. However, computational power has increased dramatically  
14 over the past years, making possible the introduction of pseudo-random number  
15 generators that exchange reduced computational efficiency for increased “randomness”.  
16 The pseudo-random number generators of the claimed invention offer just such a  
17 compromise. Even so, depending on the specific implementation of the processes of the  
18 invention, the decrease in computational efficiency may be relatively slight while the  
19 gain in “randomness” may be substantial.

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21 Pseudo-random number generators of the multiple-recursive matrix method (MRMM)  
22 take the general form of  $X_n = (A_1 X_{n-1} + \dots + A_k X_{n-k}) \bmod m$ , where  $A_1 \dots A_k$  and  $m$  are  
23 constants and  $X_{n-1} \dots X_{n-k}$  are the previous results of the process. The multiple variable  
24 recursive matrix (MVRM) pseudo-random number generators of the claimed invention  
25 take the general form of  $X_n = ((A_{1,n} X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n} X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}) \bmod m_{1,n}) \dots$   
26  $\bmod m_{i,n}$ , where:

27  $A_{1,n} \dots A_{k,n}, B_{1,n} \dots B_{j,n}$ , and  $m_{1,n} \dots m_{i,n}$  are variable transition, offset and modulus  
28 parameters for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  candidate output element of the matrix  $X$ ,  
29 the transition matrices  $A_{1,n} \dots A_{k,n}$  are created by secondary pseudo-random  
30 number generators or other processes,

1           the offset matrices  $B_{1,n} \dots B_{j,n}$  are created by secondary pseudo-random number  
2 generators or other processes, and  
3           the modulus operators  $m_{1,n} \dots m_{i,n}$  are created by secondary pseudo-random  
4 number generators or other processes.  
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6 The form of the processes is unchanged if the transition matrices  $A_{1,n} \dots A_{k,n}$  are  
7 postmultiplied in the equation above instead of premultiplied as in the form shown.  
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9 In the MVRM process of the invention, the matrix of candidate output values  $X_n$  can be a  
10 matrix of any number of dimensions and sizes including columnar or row vector form.  
11 The matrix will have a number of elements determined by the number of rows times the  
12 number of columns. The specific entries from the total elements contained in the matrix  
13  $X_n$  to be used as the pseudo-random number generator candidate output values could be  
14 single elements from specific locations of the matrix or all the values of the entire matrix.  
15 The dimensions of the candidate output matrix will determine the dimensions of the  
16 transition matrices and of the offset matrices. The transition matrices will be square  
17 matrices with row and column dimensions equal to the number of rows in the candidate  
18 output matrix. The offset matrices will have the same dimensions as the candidate output  
19 matrix.  
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21 The candidate output matrix  $X_n$  also can be created in such a way as to be non-invertible,  
22 that is, having no calculable inverse. This is a significant and distinguishing difference  
23 from the classic LCG pseudo-random number generators because the additive and  
24 multiplicative components of the LCG methods are always invertible, meaning that the  
25 LCG's observed output results are always invertible. Matrix and other similar data  
26 arrangements can be used to create output sets that cannot be inverted, making it  
27 impossible to determine constituent components of the matrix operations simply from  
28 analysis of the observed output results.  
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30 The multiple variable recursive matrix (MVRM) pseudo-random number generator  
31 process of the claimed invention has the form of  $X_n = ((A_{1,n}X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots$

1  $+ B_{j,n}) \bmod m_{1,n}) \dots \bmod m_{i,n}$ , that is, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  value of the candidate output matrix is  
 2 created by summing the multiple of the  $n-1^{\text{th}}$  value of the candidate output matrix by the  
 3  $n^{\text{th}}$  value of the transition matrix  $A_1$  (either premultiplied or postmultiplied) with all  
 4 subsequent multiples through the multiple of the  $n-k^{\text{th}}$  value of the candidate output  
 5 matrix by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  value of the transition matrix  $A_k$  and the  $1^{\text{st}}$  through the  $j^{\text{th}}$  values of the  
 6 offset matrices  $B_n$ . The  $1^{\text{st}}$  through the  $i^{\text{th}}$  modulus operators are sequentially applied to  
 7 the resulting summation to yield the final  $n^{\text{th}}$  value of the candidate output matrix. The  
 8 actual output pseudo-random numbers for that iteration of the generator are then taken  
 9 from the candidate output matrix. In order to assure the uniformity of the distribution of  
 10 the actual output values, certain results of the modulus operations may not be available  
 11 for use as the pseudo-random number generator result; those intermediate results may or  
 12 may not still be held in the historical sequence of candidate output matrix values  $X_n$  for  
 13 the calculation of subsequent candidate output matrix values.

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 15 The variable transition matrices  $A_{1,n} \dots A_{k,n}$  are determined by secondary pseudo-random  
 16 number generators or other processes. For instance, a simple list of 100 possible values  
 17 for  $A_1$  could be compiled and the variation in the sequence of  $A_{1,n}$  as  $n$  goes from 1 to  
 18 100 would consist of selecting the next entry from the list. As the list is exhausted, the  
 19 selection would return to the beginning of the list. Similar lists could be used for  $A_2$   
 20 through  $A_k$  with each variation being chosen from the sequences in the lists.  
 21 Advantageously, the number of items in the lists could be chosen to be relatively prime,  
 22 that is, no count of items in any of the lists would share a common factor with another.  
 23 The length of the composite sequence created by this combined sequence of lists would  
 24 have a cycle length equal to the product of the number of items in each list. Thus, with  $k$   
 25 set equal to 4 and list lengths of 100, 101, 103 and 107, the length of the cycle of  
 26 combinations would equal 111,312,100 before the pattern of combinations would begin  
 27 to repeat. Instead of lists, each  $A_{1,n} \dots A_{k,n}$  could be determined by a secondary pseudo-  
 28 random number generator with the cycle length of each pseudo-random number generator  
 29 distinct from the others. The secondary pseudo-random number generators could be of  
 30 virtually any form including the classical LCG or any of the variations mentioned above.  
 31 With distinct, relatively prime cycle lengths, the length of the composite sequence created

1 by the combined sequence of secondary pseudo-random number generators would have a  
 2 cycle length equal to the product of the separate cycle lengths. For example, with  $k$  set  
 3 equal to 4 and secondary pseudo-random number generator cycle lengths of 715,999,981,  
 4 714,673,789, 700,943,927 and 687,956,333, the length of the cycle of combinations  
 5 would equal  $2.47 \times 10^{35}$  before the pattern of combinations would begin to repeat.  
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 7 The variable offset matrices  $B_{1,n} \dots B_{j,n}$  are determined by secondary pseudo-random  
 8 number generators or other processes. For instance, a simple list of 113 possible values  
 9 for  $B_1$  could be compiled and the variation in the sequence of  $B_{1,n}$  as  $n$  goes from 1 to 113  
 10 would consist of selecting the next entry from the list. As the list is exhausted, the  
 11 selection would return to the beginning of the list. Similar lists could be used for  $B_2$   
 12 through  $B_j$  with each variation being chosen from the sequences in the lists. The number  
 13 of items in the lists are ideally chosen to be relatively prime, that is, no count of items in  
 14 any of the lists would share a common factor with another. The length of the composite  
 15 sequence created by this combined sequence of lists would have a cycle length equal to  
 16 the product of the number of items in each list. Thus, with  $j$  set equal to 4 and list lengths  
 17 of 113, 109, 99 and 97, the length of the cycle of combinations would equal 118,280,151  
 18 before the pattern of combinations would begin to repeat. Instead of lists, each  $B_{1,n} \dots B_{j,n}$   
 19 could be determined by a secondary pseudo-random number generator, ideally with the  
 20 cycle length of each pseudo-random number generator distinct from the others including  
 21 those of the transition matrices  $A$ . The secondary pseudo-random number generators  
 22 could be of virtually any form including the classical LCG or any of the variations  
 23 mentioned above. With distinct, relatively prime cycle lengths, the length of the  
 24 composite sequence created by the combined sequence of secondary pseudo-random  
 25 number generators would have a cycle length equal to the product of the separate cycle  
 26 lengths. For example, with  $j$  set equal to 4 and secondary pseudo-random number  
 27 generator cycle lengths of 42,517,061, 43,477,631, 37,533,169 and 34,824,227, the  
 28 length of the cycle of combinations would equal  $2.42 \times 10^{30}$  before the pattern of  
 29 combinations would begin to repeat.  
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1 Using secondary pseudo-random number generators for the transition matrices A and also  
 2 for the offset matrices B with composite cycle lengths of  $2.47 \times 10^{35}$  and  $2.42 \times 10^{30}$   
 3 would yield a primary MVRM process pseudo-random number generator with a cycle  
 4 length of  $5.96 \times 10^{65}$ .  
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 6 The modulus operators  $m_{1,n} \dots m_{i,n}$  are determined by secondary pseudo-random number  
 7 generators or other processes. For instance, a simple list of 71 possible values for  $m_1$   
 8 could be compiled and the variation in the sequence of  $m_{1,n}$  as n goes from 1 to 71 would  
 9 consist of selecting the next entry from the list. As the list is exhausted, the selection  
 10 would return to the beginning of the list. Similar lists could be used for  $m_2$  through  $m_i$   
 11 with each variation being chosen from the sequences in the lists. The number of items in  
 12 the lists are ideally chosen to be relatively prime, that is, no count of items in any of the  
 13 lists would share a common factor with another. The length of the composite sequence  
 14 created by this combined sequence of lists would have a cycle length equal to the product  
 15 of the number of items in each list. Thus, with i set equal to 3 and list lengths of 71, 67  
 16 and 64, the length of the cycle of combinations would equal 304,448 before the pattern of  
 17 combinations would begin to repeat. Instead of lists, each  $m_{1,n} \dots m_{i,n}$  could be  
 18 determined by a secondary pseudo-random number generator, advantageously with the  
 19 cycle length of each pseudo-random number generator distinct from the others including  
 20 those of the transition matrices A and of the offset matrices B. The secondary pseudo-  
 21 random number generators could be of virtually any form including the classical LCG or  
 22 any of the variations mentioned above. With distinct, relatively prime cycle lengths, the  
 23 length of the composite sequence created by the combined sequence of secondary  
 24 pseudo-random number generators would have a cycle length equal to the product of the  
 25 separate cycle lengths. For example, with i set equal to 3 and secondary pseudo-random  
 26 number generator cycle lengths of 7,337, 6,479 and 9,503, the length of the cycle of  
 27 combinations would equal  $4.52 \times 10^{11}$  before the pattern of combinations would begin to  
 28 repeat.  
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 30 Use of secondary pseudo-random number generators for the modulus operators with  
 31 composite cycle lengths of  $4.52 \times 10^{11}$  in addition to secondary pseudo-random number

1 generators for the transition matrices A and for the offset matrices B with composite  
2 cycle lengths of  $2.47 \times 10^{35}$  and  $2.42 \times 10^{30}$ , respectively, could yield a primary MVRM  
3 process pseudo-random number generator with a cycle length of  $2.69 \times 10^{77}$ . The cycle  
4 length of pseudo-random number generators with integrated varying modulus operators is  
5 difficult to evaluate since no theoretical basis for making such evaluation has yet been  
6 developed. However, because the system is composed of several independent elements  
7 each of which has quite long cycle lengths, the composite result could well be equivalent  
8 to the product of those cycle lengths leaving a very long resulting cycle length.

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10 In order to assure the very long cycle lengths, an alternative form of the multiple variable  
11 recursive matrix (MVRM) pseudo-random number generator process of the invention  
12 could be used that has the form of  $X_n = ((A_{1,n}X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}) \bmod$   
13  $m_{1,n}) \dots \bmod m_{i,n}$  for the primary candidate output cycle component and the actual output  
14 values are generated through the multiple modulus operation  $Z_n = (X_n \bmod r_{1,n}) \dots \bmod$   
15  $r_{g,n}$ , that is, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  actual output value is generated by applying multiple varying modulus  
16 operators to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  value of the candidate output matrix. The initial modulus operators  
17  $m_{1,n} \dots m_{i,n}$  for the candidate output matrix could be chosen to accommodate the word-  
18 length constraints of the computer system and should advantageously be large prime  
19 numbers.

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21 For either embodiment of the MVRM generator, the MVRM multiple modulus version or  
22 the alternative form described in the preceding paragraph, the modulus operators should  
23 ideally be chosen to be relatively prime to each other. The final modulus operator  
24 determines the range of the actual output values, e.g., choosing 256 as the final operator  
25 value creates a range of actual output values from 0 to 255. Other modulus operator  
26 values, whether chosen from lists, by secondary pseudo-random number generators, or  
27 by some other method, should fall into descending value order between the first operator  
28 (which should be the largest) and the final operator (which should be the smallest). All  
29 of the modulus operators should ideally be relatively prime to each other. Thus, if 256  
30 were chosen as the final modulus operator, all of the other operators should be relatively  
31 prime odd numbers (to be relatively prime to 256 which is an even number).

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2 In order to generate an equally and uniformly distributed set of actual output values,  
3 certain results from each of the modulus operation steps would have to be discarded  
4 according to the relationship of the modulus operators. For instance, if the value of  $m_{1,n}$   
5  $\text{mod } m_{2,n}$  was equal to 117, then 117 of the possible intermediate results would need to be  
6 discarded to assure the uniformity of the generated candidate or actual output  
7 distribution. Either the first 117, the final 117, or some arbitrary range of 117 of the  
8 possible intermediate output results could be discarded. To discard the first 117, the  
9 exclusion condition would be  $X_n < 117$ ; to discard the final 117, the exclusion condition  
10 would be  $X_n \geq m_{1,n} - 117$ . The discarding process would be similarly applied to each  
11 subsequent set of modulus operations, e.g.,  $m_{2,n} \text{ mod } m_{3,n}$ ,  $m_{3,n} \text{ mod } m_{4,n}$  ...  $m_{i-1,n} \text{ mod}$   
12  $m_{i,n}$ , where  $m_{i,n}$  is the final modulus operator.

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14 Another variation of the multiple modulus process would be to calculate  $X_n = ((A_{1,n}^x X_{n-1}$   
15  $+ \dots + A_{k,n}^x X_{n-k} + B_{1,n}^x + \dots + B_{j,n}^x) \text{ mod } m_{1,n}^x) \dots \text{ mod } m_{i,n}^x$  for the first primary  
16 candidate output cycle component and  $Y_n = ((A_{1,n}^y Y_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}^y Y_{n-k} + B_{1,n}^y + \dots +$   
17  $B_{j,n}^y) \text{ mod } m_{1,n}^y) \dots \text{ mod } m_{i,n}^y$  for the second primary candidate output cycle component  
18 and the actual output values would be generated through multiple modulus operations  
19 applied to the sum of  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  as  $Z_n = ((X_n + Y_n) \text{ mod } m_{1,n}^z) \dots \text{ mod } m_{i,n}^z$ .

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21 The process of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator could also be specified to  
22 assure that each candidate output value matrix of the form of  $X_n = ((A_{1,n} X_{n-1} + \dots +$   
23  $A_{k,n} X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}) \text{ mod } m_{1,n}) \dots \text{ mod } m_{i,n}$  was a non-invertible matrix. This  
24 characteristic could be introduced by appropriate modification of the final offset matrix  
25 component  $B_{j,n}$  to assure that the candidate output value matrix  $X_n$  was non-invertible.  
26 Were each of the candidate output value matrices non-invertible, then the multiplicative  
27 components created by the transition matrices (e. g.,  $A_{1,n} X_{n-1}$ ) would also be non-  
28 invertible regardless of the invertibility of the transition matrices  $A$ . However, the  
29 transition and offset matrices may themselves be non-invertible as contributing  
30 components of the resulting candidate output value matrix.

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1 All of the elements or only part of the elements of the candidate output value matrix  $X_n$   
2 could be used as the actual output values of the pseudo-random number generator. Any  
3 remaining elements that are not used as pseudo-random number generator actual output  
4 values could be stored in the storage register and still contribute to the determination of  
5 subsequent candidate output value matrix results.

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7 The MVRM pseudo-random number generator claimed herein incorporates several  
8 components, each of which has distinct effects on the overall cycle length of the pseudo-  
9 random number generator process. In general, the use of long-cycle secondary pseudo-  
10 random number generators to determine the values of the transition matrices, offset  
11 matrices, and modulus operators should contribute to MVRM pseudo-random number  
12 generator cycles that are exceedingly long. The cycle length of pseudo-random number  
13 generators of the MVRM type is difficult to evaluate since no theoretical basis for  
14 making such evaluation has yet been developed. However, because the system is  
15 composed of several independent elements each of which has quite long cycle lengths,  
16 the composite result should be equivalent to the product of those cycle lengths leaving a  
17 very long resulting combined cycle length.

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19 An advantage of the present invention is that it presents a new unified framework for  
20 incorporating a large number of options into the pseudo-random number generator  
21 process creating nearly innumerable sets of alternative pseudo-random number  
22 sequences.

## 23 24 25 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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27 FIG. 1 is a block diagram depicting the functional components of a MVRM pseudo-  
28 random number generator, according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram depicting a general implementation of functional components of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator, according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram depicting the functional components of a MVRM pseudo-random number generator with both primary and secondary variable modulus reductions, according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram depicting a general implementation of functional components of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator with both primary and secondary variable modulus reductions, according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 5 is a block diagram depicting an implementation of the uniform variable modular reduction functional component of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator converting the intermediate output matrix  $X_{temp}$  to a uniformly distributed primary candidate output value matrix  $X_n$ , according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 6 is a block diagram depicting an implementation of the uniform variable modular reduction functional component of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator converting the primary candidate output value matrix  $X_n$  to a uniformly distributed secondary candidate output value matrix  $Z_n$ , according to the invention claimed herein.

FIG. 7 is a block diagram depicting a dual-sequence implementation of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator of the claimed invention, with a single variable modular reduction component.

FIG. 8 is a block diagram depicting an implementation of the MVRM pseudo-random number generator of the claimed invention, including an invertibility evaluation module for the creation of non-invertible candidate output value matrices.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIG. 1, a block diagram of the pseudo-random number generator system of the claimed invention is shown which incorporates a transition and offset summation process 11, a storage register 12 for initial and previously generated values of the primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3, a variable modular reduction process 13, a list or other process 14 for creating a value for transition matrix  $A_{1,n}$ , a list or other process 15 for creating values for all other transition matrices through  $A_{k,n}$ , a list or other process 16 for creating a value for offset matrix  $B_{1,n}$ , a list or other process 17 for creating values for all other offset matrices through  $B_{j,n}$ , a list or other process 18 for creating a value for modulus operator  $m_{1,n}$ , and a list or other process 19 for creating values for all other modulus operators through  $m_{i,n}$ . The values of the transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25 and of the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  27 along with the previously created or initial values of the primary candidate output matrices  $X_n$  3 from the storage register 12 are provided to the transition and offset summation process 11 where they are aggregated through matrix multiplication and addition operations to create an intermediate value of the primary candidate output matrix shown as  $X_{temp}$  2. The intermediate value  $X_{temp}$  2 is then sent to the variable modular reduction process 13 where the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  28 through  $m_{i,n}$  29 are applied and resulting values evaluated for retention or removal to generate the primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3. The actual output values of the pseudo-random number generator  $X_{out}$  1 are composed of all or some of the elements of the primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3. Any remaining elements from the primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3 that are not used as pseudo-random number generator actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 could be stored in the storage register 12 and still contribute to the determination of subsequent primary candidate output matrix results.

In FIG. 2, one embodiment of the general pseudo-random number generator system of the invention is shown. The system shown in FIG. 2 details the transition and offset summation process 21 of the invention with the particular form  $X_{temp} = A_{1,n}X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}$  using the transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25, the offset

1 matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  27, and the previously created or initial values of the  
2 primary candidate output matrices  $X_{n-1}$  through  $X_{n-k}$  from the storage register 12. The  
3 intermediate value  $X_{temp}$  2 is then sent to the variable modular reduction process 23 with  
4 the form  $X_n = ((X_{temp}) \bmod m_{1,n}) \dots \bmod m_{i,n}$  where the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  through  
5  $m_{i,n}$  are applied and resulting values evaluated for retention or removal to generate the  
6 primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3. The retention/removal component of the  
7 variable modular reduction process when used to create uniformly distributed values is  
8 shown in more detail in FIG. 5.

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10 The actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 of the pseudo-random number generator are composed of  
11 all or some of the elements of the primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3. Any remaining  
12 elements from the primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3 that are not used as pseudo-  
13 random number generator actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 could be stored in the storage  
14 register 12 and still contribute to the determination of subsequent primary candidate  
15 output matrix results. The values for the transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25 are  
16 created by secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined  
17 lists, or are created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset  
18 summation process 21. The values for the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  27 are  
19 created by secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined  
20 lists, or are created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset  
21 summation process 21. The values for the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  28 through  $m_{i,n}$  29 are  
22 created by secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined  
23 lists, or are created by other processes before being sent to the variable modular reduction  
24 process 23.

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26 In FIG. 3, an alternative embodiment of an implementation of the general pseudo-random  
27 number generator system of the invention is shown. The system shown in FIG. 3  
28 includes both primary variable modular reduction 31 and secondary variable modular  
29 reduction 32 components. As in the implementation shown in FIG.1, the process  
30 incorporates a transition and offset summation process 11; a storage register 12 for initial  
31 and previously generated values of the primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3; a

1 primary variable modular reduction process 31; lists or other processes for creating  
2 transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  14 through  $A_{k,n}$  15; lists or other processes for creating offset  
3 matrices  $B_{1,n}$  16 through  $B_{j,n}$  17; and lists or other processes for creating modulus  
4 operators  $m_{1,n}$  18 through  $m_{i,n}$  19. The transition and offset summation process 11 creates  
5 an intermediate value of the primary candidate output matrix  $X_{temp}$  2. The intermediate  
6 value  $X_{temp}$  2 is then sent to the primary variable modular reduction process 31 where the  
7 modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  18 through  $m_{i,n}$  19 are applied and resulting values evaluated for  
8 retention or removal to generate the primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3. The  
9 primary candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  3 is then sent to the secondary variable  
10 modular reduction process 32 where the modulus operators  $r_{1,n}$  38 through  $r_{g,n}$  39 are  
11 applied and resulting values evaluated for retention or removal to generate the secondary  
12 candidate output matrix sequence  $Z_n$  33. The actual output values of the pseudo-random  
13 number generator  $X_{out}$  1 are composed of all or some of the elements of the secondary  
14 candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  33. The primary variable modular reduction process 31 may  
15 be implemented as a uniform variable modular reduction functional component as shown  
16 in FIG. 5 converting the intermediate output matrix  $X_{temp}$  2 to a uniformly distributed  
17 primary candidate output value matrix  $X_n$  3. Similarly, the secondary variable modular  
18 reduction process 32 may be implemented as a uniform variable modular reduction  
19 functional component as shown in FIG. 6 converting the primary candidate output value  
20 matrix  $X_n$  3 to a uniformly distributed secondary candidate output value matrix  $Z_n$  33.

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22 In FIG. 4, one embodiment of the alternative implementation of FIG 3. is shown. As in  
23 the embodiment of FIG 2., the transition and offset summation process 21 of the  
24 invention takes the form  $X_{temp} = A_{1,n}X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}$  using the  
25 transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25, the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  27, and  
26 the previously created or initial values of the primary candidate output matrices  $X_{n-1}$   
27 through  $X_{n-k}$  from the storage register 12. The intermediate value  $X_{temp}$  2 is then sent to  
28 the primary variable modular reduction component 41 with the form  $X_n = ((X_{temp}) \bmod$   
29  $m_{1,n}) \dots \bmod m_{i,n}$  to generate the candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3. Resulting values of the  
30 candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3 are evaluated for retention or removal prior to storage in the  
31 storage register 12 to generate subsequent iterations of the primary candidate output

1 matrix 3. The primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3 also is sent to the secondary variable  
 2 modular reduction process 42 with the form  $Z_n = ((X_n) \bmod r_{1,n}) \dots \bmod r_{g,n}$  where the  
 3 modulus operators  $r_{1,n}$  48 through  $r_{g,n}$  49 are applied and resulting values evaluated for  
 4 retention or removal to generate the secondary candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  33. The actual  
 5 output values of the pseudo-random number generator  $X_{out}$  1 are composed of all or some  
 6 of the elements of the secondary candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  33. Any remaining elements  
 7 from the secondary candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  33 that are not used as pseudo-random  
 8 number generator actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 are discarded. As in the embodiment of  
 9 FIG 2., the values for the transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25 are created by  
 10 secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are  
 11 created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset summation  
 12 process 21. The values for the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  27 are created by  
 13 secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are  
 14 created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset summation  
 15 process 21. The values for the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  28 through  $m_{i,n}$  29 are created by  
 16 secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are  
 17 created by other processes before being sent to the primary variable modular reduction  
 18 process 41. The values for the modulus operators  $r_{1,n}$  48 through  $r_{g,n}$  49 are created by  
 19 secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are  
 20 created by other processes before being sent to the secondary variable modular reduction  
 21 process 42.

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23 In FIG. 5, the retention and discarding procedures of the primary uniform variable  
 24 modular reduction process are shown in detail. The intermediate value  $X_{temp}$  2 is  
 25 provided to the primary uniform variable modular reduction process 55. Each successive  
 26 pair of modulus operators starting with  $m_{1,n}$  56 and  $m_{2,n}$  57 are used in the uniform  
 27 variable modular processor 52 in the form  $X_{temp2} = ((X_{temp}) \bmod m_{1,n}) \bmod m_{2,n}$ . The  
 28 uniformity of the distribution of the possible values of  $X_{temp2}$  over the range of 0 to  $(m_{2,n}-$   
 29 1) is assured by discarding a certain number of candidate output values 53 from the  
 30 process. The number of values to be discarded is determined as  $m_{1,n} \bmod m_{2,n}$  which  
 31 would be a number greater than 0 if the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  56 and  $m_{2,n}$  57 were

1 chosen to be relatively prime. The number of values to be discarded can be realized by  
 2 discarding the first  $m_{1,n} \bmod m_{2,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{temp}}$  or by discarding the last  $m_{1,n} \bmod m_{2,n}$   
 3 elements of  $X_{\text{temp}}$ . The process is successively repeated by providing each intermediate  
 4 value to the primary uniform variable modular processor 52 for each successive pair of  
 5 modulus operators. For example, the next successive pair of modulus operators ( $m_{2,n}$  and  
 6  $m_{3,n}$ ) would be used in the uniform variable modular processor 52 in the form  $X_{\text{temp}3} =$   
 7  $((X_{\text{temp}2}) \bmod m_{2,n}) \bmod m_{3,n}$ . However, since  $X_{\text{temp}2}$  was already created with the  
 8 operation of  $\bmod m_{2,n}$ , the repetition of that step is unnecessary and simplifies to  $X_{\text{temp}3} =$   
 9  $(X_{\text{temp}2}) \bmod m_{3,n}$ . As before, the uniformity of the distribution of the possible values of  
 10  $X_{\text{temp}3}$  over the range of 0 to  $(m_{3,n} - 1)$  is assured by discarding the number of values  
 11 determined as  $m_{2,n} \bmod m_{3,n}$ . The process is successively repeated by providing each  
 12 intermediate value to the uniform variable modular processor 52 for each successive pair  
 13 of modulus operators until the final set of  $m_{i-1,n}$  58 and  $m_{i,n}$  59 are used. In the final step,  
 14 the uniform variable modular processor 52 has the form  $X_{\text{temp}i} = ((X_{\text{temp}i-1}) \bmod m_{i-1,n})$   
 15  $\bmod m_{i,n}$  which again simplifies to  $X_{\text{temp}i} = (X_{\text{temp}i-1}) \bmod m_{i,n}$ . The uniformity of the  
 16 distribution of the possible values of  $X_{\text{temp}i}$  over the range of 0 to  $(m_{i,n} - 1)$  is assured by  
 17 discarding a certain number of primary candidate output values 53 from the process. The  
 18 number of values to be discarded is determined as  $m_{i-1,n} \bmod m_{i,n}$  which is greater than 0  
 19 since  $m_{i-1,n}$  58 and  $m_{i,n}$  59 are relatively prime. The appropriate number of values to be  
 20 discarded can be realized by discarding the first  $m_{i-1,n} \bmod m_{i,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{temp}i-1}$  or by  
 21 discarding the last  $m_{i-1,n} \bmod m_{i,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{temp}i-1}$ . The values of  $X_{\text{temp}i}$  in the final  
 22 step are sent to the primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  50 as the results of the primary  
 23 uniform variable modular reduction process 55.

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 25 In FIG. 6, the retention and discarding procedures of the secondary uniform variable  
 26 modular reduction process are shown in detail. The primary candidate output matrix  $X_n$  3  
 27 is provided to the secondary uniform variable modular reduction process 65. Each  
 28 successive pair of modulus operators starting with  $r_{1,n}$  66 and  $r_{2,n}$  67 are used in the  
 29 uniform variable modular processor 62 in the form  $X_{\text{secondary}2} = ((X_n) \bmod r_{1,n}) \bmod r_{2,n}$ .  
 30 The uniformity of the distribution of the possible values of  $X_{\text{secondary}2}$  over the range of 0  
 31 to  $(r_{2,n} - 1)$  is assured by discarding a certain number of candidate output values 63 from

1 the process. The number of values to be discarded is determined as  $r_{1,n} \bmod r_{2,n}$  which  
 2 should be a number greater than 0 since  $r_{1,n}$  66 and  $r_{2,n}$  67 are relatively prime. The  
 3 number of values to be discarded can be realized by discarding the first  $r_{1,n} \bmod r_{2,n}$   
 4 elements of  $X_{\text{secondary}}$  or by discarding the last  $r_{1,n} \bmod r_{2,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{secondary}}$ . The  
 5 process is successively repeated by providing each intermediate value to the secondary  
 6 uniform variable modular processor 62 for each successive pair of modulus operators.  
 7 For example, the next successive pair of modulus operators ( $r_{2,n}$  and  $r_{3,n}$ ) would be used in  
 8 the uniform variable modular processor 62 in the form  $X_{\text{secondary}3} = ((X_{\text{secondary}2}) \bmod r_{2,n})$   
 9  $\bmod r_{3,n}$ . However, since  $X_{\text{secondary}2}$  was already created with the operation of  $\bmod r_{2,n}$ ,  
 10 the repetition of that step is unnecessary and simplifies to  $X_{\text{secondary}3} = (X_{\text{secondary}2}) \bmod$   
 11  $r_{3,n}$ . As before, the uniformity of the distribution of the possible values of  $X_{\text{secondary}3}$  over  
 12 the range of 0 to  $(r_{3,n} - 1)$  is assured by discarding the number of values determined as  $r_{2,n}$   
 13  $\bmod r_{3,n}$ . The process is successively repeated by providing each intermediate value to  
 14 the uniform variable modular processor 62 for each successive pair of modulus operators  
 15 until the final set of  $r_{g-1,n}$  68 and  $r_{g,n}$  69 are used. In the final step, the uniform variable  
 16 modular processor 62 has the form  $X_{\text{secondary}g} = ((X_{\text{secondary}g-1}) \bmod r_{g-1,n}) \bmod r_{g,n}$  which  
 17 again simplifies to  $X_{\text{secondary}g} = (X_{\text{secondary}g-1}) \bmod r_{g,n}$ . The uniformity of the distribution  
 18 of the possible values of  $X_{\text{secondary}g}$  over the range of 0 to  $(r_{g,n} - 1)$  is assured by discarding  
 19 a certain number of secondary candidate output values 63 from the process. The number  
 20 of values to be discarded is determined as  $r_{g-1,n} \bmod r_{g,n}$  which is greater than 0 since  
 21  $r_{g-1,n}$  68 and  $r_{g,n}$  69 are relatively prime. The appropriate number of values to be  
 22 discarded can be realized by discarding the first  $r_{g-1,n} \bmod r_{g,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{secondary}g-1}$  or  
 23 by discarding the last  $r_{g-1,n} \bmod r_{g,n}$  elements of  $X_{\text{secondary}g-1}$ . The values of  $X_{\text{secondary}g}$  in  
 24 the final step are sent to the secondary candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  60 as the results of the  
 25 secondary uniform variable modular reduction process 65. The actual output values of  
 26 the pseudo-random number generator  $X_{\text{out}}$  1 are composed of all or some of the elements  
 27 of the secondary candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  60.

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29 In FIG. 7, another alternative implementation of the general pseudo-random number  
 30 generator system of the invention that includes two (or more) independent MVRM  
 31 modules 71, 72 and a separate uniform variable modular reduction component 76 is

1 shown in detail. Each of the independent MVRM modules 71, 72 operates as in the  
2 general version with the transition and offset summation process 11, the previously  
3 created values from the storage register 12, and the variable modular reduction process 13  
4 creating the candidate output values  $X_n$  73 or  $Y_n$  74. The variable modular reduction  
5 process 76 accepts the independent candidate output values  $X_n$  73 and  $Y_n$  74 along with  
6 the variable modulus operators  $m^z_{1,n}$  77 through  $m^z_{j,n}$  78 to create the candidate output  
7 matrix  $Z_n$  70 of the alternative implementation of the pseudo-random number generator.  
8 The specific actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 are composed of all or some of the elements of  
9 the variable modulus candidate output matrix  $Z_n$  70. The values for the modulus  
10 operators  $m^z_{1,n}$  77 through  $m^z_{j,n}$  78 are created by secondary pseudo-random number  
11 generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are created by other processes before  
12 being sent to the variable modular reduction process 76.

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14 FIG. 8 portrays a particular embodiment of the general pseudo-random number generator  
15 system of the invention that includes a component assuring that the candidate output  
16 matrix  $X_n$  80 cannot be inverted. FIG. 8 shows essentially the same system that was  
17 shown in FIG. 2 including details of the transition and offset summation process 21 with  
18 the form  $X_{temp} = A_{1,n}X_{n-1} + \dots + A_{k,n}X_{n-k} + B_{1,n} + \dots + B_{j,n}$  using the transition matrices  
19  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25, the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  82, and the previously  
20 created or initial values of the primary candidate output matrices  $X_{n-1}$  through  $X_{n-k}$  from  
21 the storage register 12. However, unlike the system previously shown in FIG. 2, the non-  
22 invertible version of FIG. 8 includes an invertibility evaluation module 81 that evaluates  
23 the final offset matrix  $B_{j,n}$  82 and makes adjustments based on the characteristics of  $X_{temp}$   
24 2 not including  $B_{j,n}$  82 to assure that the result of the transition and offset summation  
25 process 21 yields a matrix that cannot be inverted. That non-invertible intermediate value  
26 of  $X_{temp}$  2 is then sent to the variable modular reduction process 23 with the form  $X_n =$   
27  $((X_{temp}) \bmod m_{1,n}) \dots \bmod m_{j,n}$  where the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  28 through  $m_{j,n}$  29 are  
28 applied to generate the primary non-invertible candidate output matrix sequence  $X_n$  80.  
29 For uniform variable modular reduction the retention/removal component of the process  
30 was shown in more detail in FIG. 5. The actual output values of the pseudo-random  
31 number generator  $X_{out}$  1 are composed of all or some of the elements of the primary non-

1 invertible candidate output matrix  $X_n$  80. Any remaining elements from the primary non-  
2 invertible candidate output matrix  $X_n$  80 that are not used as pseudo-random number  
3 generator actual output values  $X_{out}$  1 could be stored in the storage register 12 and still  
4 contribute to the determination of subsequent primary non-invertible candidate output  
5 matrix results. The values for the transition matrices  $A_{1,n}$  24 through  $A_{k,n}$  25 are created  
6 by secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or  
7 are created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset summation  
8 process 21. The values for the offset matrices  $B_{1,n}$  26 through  $B_{j,n}$  82 are created by  
9 secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined lists, or are  
10 created by other processes before being sent to the transition and offset summation  
11 process 21 except that the final offset value of  $B_{j,n}$  82 is evaluated and adjusted by the  
12 invertibility evaluation module 81 to assure that the intermediate output matrix  $X_{temp}$  2  
13 cannot be inverted. The values for the modulus operators  $m_{1,n}$  28 through  $m_{j,n}$  29 are  
14 created by secondary pseudo-random number generators, are taken from pre-determined  
15 lists, or are created by other processes before being sent to the uniform variable modular  
16 reduction process 23.

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18 Although the present invention has been described in terms of the presently preferred  
19 embodiment, it is to be understood that such disclosure is purely illustrative and is not to  
20 be interpreted as limiting. Consequently, without departing from the spirit and scope of  
21 the invention, various alterations, modifications, and/or alternative applications of the  
22 invention will, no doubt, be suggested to those skilled in the art after having read the  
23 preceding disclosure. Accordingly, it is intended that the following claims be interpreted  
24 as encompassing all alterations, modifications, or alternative applications as fall within  
25 the true spirit and scope of the invention.

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